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REMARKS

The claims were subject to a restriction requirement. The specification was objected to. Under 35 USC § 102(b), claim 8 was rejected as anticipated by Sekine et al (US Pat. No. 6,495,914).

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Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 9-19 were allowed. Claim 4 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the claim objection.

- 10 The specification and claim 4 are being amended to overcome the objections. Applicant apologizes for his typographical errors that are being corrected in this amendment.

Restriction / Election

- 15 The application was subject to a restriction requirement. Applicant affirms his election of group I, claims 1-19 and withdraws his traverse. Applicant is canceling claim 20 as being withdrawn by the Examiner since claim 20 belongs to non-elected group II.

- 20 In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 1-7, 9-19, as amended, are in a position for allowance. This application was filed with formal drawings that have not been amended. Applicant believes that a full and complete response to the office action has been made. Reconsideration and re-examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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